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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A COAL FORMATION TO PRODUCE A SELECTED GAS MIXTURE**"  
-- Wellington, et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 217 page specification (including a title page), 727 pages of claims (Claims 1-5149), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 135 formal drawings on 105 sheets. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Scott L. Wellington, Harold J. Vinegar, Eric de Rouffignac, John M. Karanikas, Ilya E. Berchenko, George L. Stegemeier, Kevin A. Maher, Etuan Zhang, Gordon T. Shahin, James L. Menotti, John M. Coles, Thomas D. Fowler, Charlie R. Keedy, Ajay M. Madgavkar, Martijn van Hardeveld, Robert C. Ryan, Lanny Schoeling and Fred G. Carl for the above-entitled invention.

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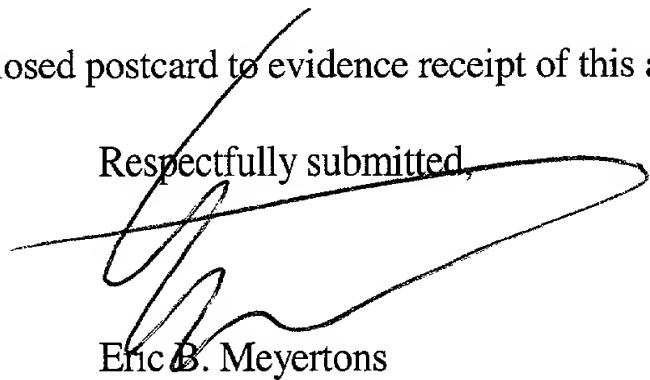
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